# **Assetbase Global Flexible Prescient Fund of Funds**

# Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

### 31 December 2024

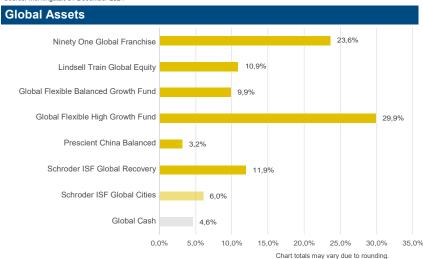
### **Fund Objective and Investment Process**

The objective of the portfolio is to achieve inflation-beating returns in US dollars over rolling periods of 5 years or more. The portfolio manager will continually assess the prospects for global asset classes and reflect this in the portfolio. The portfolio manager will research global asset managers across all sectors and combine portfolios to achieve the above objective. The portfolio will not comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. The portfolio is moderately aggressive and suits long-term investors looking for global growth and diversification into non-South African assets with high growth potential.

The portfolio has adhered to its objective.

#### Annualised Fund Performance YTD\* 1-Year 3-Year 5-Year Since inception Assetbase Global Flexible Prescient Fund 11.8% 11.8% 7.6% 12.0% 9.6% of Funds Global: Multi-Asset - Flexible 10.2% 10.2% 6.3% 9.9% 8 2% Benchmark: 75% MSCI World, 25% Global 12 9% 19.4% 19.4% 12.5% 16.4%

Source: Morningstar; 31 December 2024



#### Top Ten Shares 3 2% Microsoft Corp Visa Inc 3.2% Alphabet Inc 2,2% Booking Holdings Inc 2.0% Asml Holding Nv 1,8% London Stock Exchange Group Plo 1,8% Intuit Inc 1.8% Apple Inc 1,6% Philip Morris International Inc 1.5% Nvidia Corp 1,4%

### **Fund Information**

Portfolio manager Assetbase (Pty) Ltd

Latest price 231.74 cents

Fund size R 723 m

Number of Units 310 057 246.85

Benchmark 75% MSCI World, 25% Global Cash Fund inception 03 November 2015

Sector Global—Multi-Asset—Flexible
Currency ZAR

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 ZAR

 Min lump sum investment
 R5,000

 Min monthly investment
 R500

Regulation 28 compliant Non-Compliant

Annual date of income declarations 31 March 17h00

Annual date of income

Transaction time

Administration Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd

13h00

Custodian/Bankers Nedbank Limited

Auditors Ernst & Young Incorporated

#### Risk rating

Conservative	Moderate		High
			V
Recommended I	nvestment Horizon		
1-3 years	3-5 years	5-7 years	>7 years
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### **Total Investment Cost (TIC)**

 TER\*
 1.06%

 Transaction cost
 0.10%

 TIC
 1.16%

Includes the annual management fee of 0.40% (VAT inclusive).

# **Fund Manager Commentary**

In December, the US Federal Reserve reduced interest rates by 25 basis points but paired this decision with a hawkish outlook, signalling fewer rate cuts in 2025 than previously expected. The market's reaction to the Fed's revised language reflects growing concerns over inflated valuations and uncertainty regarding the potential impact of the incoming US administration's economic policies on inflation and interest rates. The rise in US yields and the strengthening of the dollar have placed additional pressure on emerging market currencies, increasing borrowing costs, complicating the servicing of dollar-denominated debt, and reducing their international purchasing power.

Emerging Market equities performed strongly in December, surpassing the Developed Market composite. While South African equities and bonds lagged their respective EM composites, they still delivered solid year-on-year returns. The All Bond Index (ALBI) posted a rare negative return in December, but despite this, the ALBI finished 2024 with a 17.2% gain, marking its best calendar year since 2003. Inflation-linked bonds were the weakest domestic asset class for the year, as slowing inflation led to poor carry and real yields continued to rise.

# **Asset Allocation**

Portfolio date: 2024/09/30



Portfolio date: 2024/12/31





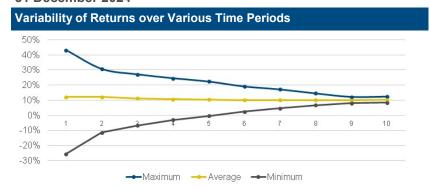
<sup>\*</sup>YTD figures are not annualised.

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The investment performance shown is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

### Annualised Performance

**Highest** % (10 March 2021) 29.09% **Lowest** % (16 March 2017) -12.99%

Fund Distributions	
31 Mar 2022	no distribution
31 Mar 2023	no distribution
31 Mar 2024	no distribution

## **Glossary Summary**

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest and Lowest return: The highest and lowest returns for any one year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month

% Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

#### Contact information

#### Trustee

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The Trustee is registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (No. 45 of 2002).

#### Management & Administration

Administration: Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd.

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This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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Transaction costs are a necessary cost of administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be affected by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. A Fund of Funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes, which levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for these portfolios. Where a current yield is included for Funds that derive its income primarily from interest bearing income, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest-bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio, there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and possible limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time Prescient shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3 pm or 5 pm depending on the nature of the Fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the Prescient website. 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These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed. Foreign Investment risk: Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations. Interest rate risk: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises. Property risk: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. Currency exchange risk: Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income. Geographic / Sector risk: For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow. Derivative counterparty risk: A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss. Liquidity risk: If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected. Equity investment risk: Value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. 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